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NEWS

& VIEWS

HOSPITALISED

Many members will have been wondering why the familiar face of John Hession has not been seen in the Club lately. The reason is that he is in Lewisham Hospital, and we trust that it won't be long before he is up and about again.

LOST HOURS

One of Tattersall's best known regular residents is J. Denis O'Sullivan. When the daylight saving loomed Denis gave unlimited advice on the matter.

"Put your clock forward one hour instead of retarding it, as I did last year," he said.

"It appears that if your watch is two hours late, as was Denis' case, untold difficult situations can eventuate.

BANKER KNIGHT

Congratulations to Club member Peter Conley, a Sydney banker, who has been created a knight in one of the world's most ancient international orders of chivalry.

He has been made a Commander Companion in the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, one of the orders that fought in the Crusades.

The headquarters of the order is in Malta, and the award is in recognition of Peter's outstanding services to migration from Malta to Australia.

WELL MERITED

It was a recent pleasing duty for us to congratulate Sir John Hedley Douglas Marks, CBE, on his knighthood by Her Majesty the Queen.

He was educated at St. Peter's Preparatory and Sydney Church of England Grammar Schools.

On leaving school Sir John entered an accountant's office, and upon qualifying as a chartered accountant and secretary commenced practice on his own behalf at Sydney and Port Kembla.

In 1939 he enlisted with the 2nd AIF, received a commission in 1941 and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Early in 1945 he became engaged in business activities and recommenced practice as a chartered accountant. Up to the end of 1949 Sir John specialised in income tax, but by 1955 he had already travelled around the world some 15 times and his interest had been stimulated in commercial and financial matters.

In 1955 Sir John founded a finance corporation and has remained chairman and managing director since its inception. He is senior partner of his accountancy firm and is commissioner of the N.S.W. Electricity Commission. He is a director of many companies, and is chairman of the Prince Henry, Prince of Wales and Eastern Suburbs Hospitals.

Also Sir John is a member of the Macquarie University Council, and his clubs include Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Royal Motor Yacht Club, Elanora Country Club, American National Club and Manly Golf Club.

He married Lady Judith and has two daughters - Gail (Mrs. Norman Storey) and Anthea (Mrs. Colin Ryrie).

SPECIAL MEETING

JOHN HICKEY ELECTED TO COMMITTEE VACANCY

At the special meeting convened on 25th October, last Chairman Geoff Eastment declared the result of the election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Committeeman Tom Nicholas.

Our congratulations are extended to John Hickey and we wish him many satisfying years in his esteemed position.

The voting was:

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| John Hickey | 665 |
| Frank Roberts | 557 |
| Lew Silk | 540 |
| Informal | 27 |
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SENIOR MEMBERS

The meeting was unanimous in its desire to recognise in a practical manner the classification of Senior Members - those colleagues who have been financial members of our Club for a period of at least 40 continuous years.

As a token of their fellow members appreciation, Senior Members' subscriptions will in future be half that of an ordinary member.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members entered into long discussion and eventually an amendment for the deletion of Rule 37 was carried. This then became the motion and was accepted by the meeting.

The requisite special general meeting for the confirmation or rejection of the proposal will be held at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 27th November, 1972.

Similar procedures will be adopted in connection with the alteration to the rule regarding Senior Members.



Peter Conley

VALE

ORME BEST

One of Australia's best known journalists Orme Best passed away recently. His death from a heart attack followed a fishing accident.

He was 61 and Sydney representative of the Melbourne Herald of which bureau he was head for 29 years.

Orme was general vice president of the Australian Journalists' Association and a former director of the Sydney Journalists' Club. He was a member of Tattersall's Club since 1965.

Our condolences are extended to his widow Sydis, son Nigel and to his host of lamenting friends.

MICHAEL PASPALIS, MBE

Tattersall's Club member Mick Paspalis MBE died in his sleep at the age of 56.

Mick arrived in Port Hedland, Western Australia, from Greece when he was six, and there received his only schooling.

While still at school he milked cows and mustered cattle for a few shillings a week. When he was 14 he went to Darwin, worked seven days and several nights a week for \$20 a month.

When his father died Mick supported his mother and two sisters. He saved money, and a few years later paid \$700 for two houses which he let.

With his wife Chrissie, who survives him, he opened the Rendezvous Cafe in Darwin's main street. When World



Michael Paspalis

War II ended, he leased the Hotel Darwin from the Federal Government and later bought it, reputedly for \$80,000.

When he died Mick owned the Hotel Darwin, the Fannie Bay Hotel, the Parap Theatre, a drive-in theatre, an interest in the Star Theatre and several blocks of shops, office buildings and flats in Darwin. He also owned blocks of flats in Sydney.

To his sorrowing widow and relatives we extend our sincere condolences.

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB
157 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 5 of the Tattersall's Club Act of 1888 that a Special General Meeting of the members of Tattersall's Club will be held in the Club Room on Monday, 27th November 1972 at 2.15 p.m. for the purpose of confirming or rejecting the following resolutions amending the Rules of the Club which were passed at a Special General Meeting of the members held on Wednesday, 25th October 1972:—

1. That Rule 3 of the Rules of the Club be amended as follows:—
 - (a) By deleting therefrom the word "and"
 - (b) By deleting therefrom the word "Members" where lastly appearing and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Members, and (g) Senior Members".
2. That the following new Rules be inserted in the Rules of the Club:—
 - (a) Next after Rule 9, the following new Rule:—

"9A. Senior Members are persons who have been members of the Club for a continuous period of not less than 40 years".
 - (b) Next after Rule 15, the following new Rule:—

"15A. The Annual Subscription for a Senior Member shall be one half of that for an Ordinary Member".
3. That Rule 37 of the Rules of the Club be deleted.

1st November, 1972.

G. EASTMENT
Chairman

Explanatory Note

Resolution 1: This has the effect of adding a new category of members to the Club namely "Senior Members".

Resolution 2: This defines Senior Members and sets their Annual Subscription.

Resolution 3: The existing Rule 37, which by this resolution is to be deleted, gives power to the Club to expel from membership any member who is a member of or is associated with a member of any other sporting club in the City of Sydney similar to Tattersall's Club. The Committee originally proposed that Rule 37 merely be restricted in its operation so as not to apply to City Tattersall's Club and its members.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 DAYS

By Arthur McCamley
(Continued from last issue)

Our next move was to Rotterdam where we joined the Britannia for a five day cruise along the River Rhine. Rotterdam shall always be remembered as the place where we both had a "hairdo" and I even finished up with a blue rinse!

The Rhine cruise was most enjoyable, leaving pleasant memories of the places we visited and the people we met. We saw cities such as Dusseldorf, Cologne, Mannheim, Duesberg, the old castles and vineyards, the huge industries in the Ruhr. The universities at Heidelberg brought back memories of the film Student Prince.

We left the ship at Basle and went by rail to spend a couple of days in Zurich, then by plane to Athens, arriving in the middle of a heat wave. This we could not get used to, so we left for Paris.

We visited all the sights - Notre Dame Cathedral, the Palace of Versailles, the Tuileries Gardens, the Arc de Triumphe, the Montmartre, the theatres (saw Oh Calcutta), enjoyed the French wines, had meals in little back alley restaurants and also in the swanky night clubs. We rode in taxis, on the Metro Underground, and in buses. Could not speak a word of French, but had a good time trying. Edna did not shop in Paris - miles too expensive.

Then it was time to go back to London where we had a little extra time on account of leaving Athens quickly. This time we were just tourists. Met some Australian neighbours who took us to a night club, where people were betting in hundreds of pounds on the roulette wheel, black jack and other gambling games. An exciting night.

All good things come to an end and so we left London for New York where we only had two days. Just time enough to walk down Fifth Avenue shop at Macy's, dine at the New York Athletic Club, see No No Nanette with Ruby Keeler, and visit St. Patrick's Cathedral.

On to San Francisco which is often referred to as the sister city of Sydney why I cannot tell. As far as I can see both cities have their own individuality and not very much in common.

We were five days there and found it to be the most expensive place of all to live. The only cheap thing was the bus fares. You can buy a ticket for 50 cents and it entitles you to use the buses or trams all day.

Riding on the cablecars was quite an experience. The cars were 'supposed to carry 35 or 40 passengers but carried as many as 70 at a time. People hung from the sides and backs. Sometimes the weight was so heavy that on the steep slopes people had to get off and give the tram a helping hand by pushing. And they thought this was fun. The streets in this city are so steep it is unbelievable.

We went down to Fisherman's Wharf, had beer and a fish lunch at an Italian cafe on the wharf, went for a cruise in the ferry, walked down the "crooked street," strolled through China Town and walked through the beautiful stores.

We visited Lefty O'Doull's hotel. This man has passed on but in his day he was one of the greats of the San Francisco Giants' baseball team. The walls of the hotel are covered by photographs of him with all the great people of America, including President Roosevelt, Mayor Jimmy Walker, Babe Ruth, Ronald Reagan, Jack Dempsey and other prominent people.

Later we had drinks at another hotel - \$3 for Scotch on the rocks!

Next day we flew to Hawaii, which was to be our final stopover before heading for home. Ten days of holidays this time. In most of the other cities and countries I had business calls to make and people to interview, whereas in Hawaii it was just holidays in the sun.

Honolulu - what a place! Waikiki beach, the fabulous hotels, the Outrigger Canoe Club, Diamond Head, the huge mountains, wonderful shopping centres, Mount Pali Lookout, Kanehoe Beach, the Polynesian Cultural Centre, the pineapple plantations, the sugar cane fields, the clouds enshrouding the mountains, our friend Paul Kruggel who was always there with his car when needed, our visit to the beautiful Byodo-In Temple (the only replica of the 900 years old original in Japan), the swans, Japanese fish of every conceivable colour, the temple bell which is five feet tall and weighs

three tons, the Tea House where we had a cup of Japanese green tea, and the dolphins in a hotel lake that put on an aquatic display just on feeding time when we arrived. We were fortunate to get some very good coloured shots of these remarkable sea mammals.

And then home to be so warmly welcomed and fêted by our friends, and this was as moving and gracious a moment as Edna and I had experienced.

GOLF NOTES

MOSS VALE WEEKEND REPORT

Altogether 38 golfers motored to Dormie House and enjoyed a very pleasant and happy weekend. The weather was kind to us and the golf course never looked better after the rain of the previous few days.

Competition was keen as seen by the very high scoring.

The Beethams and Cuffes arrived a few days earlier to practice and had really reached top form.

The main feature of our Moss Vale weekend is the competition for the Dunningham Shield in which the players have a single stableford round. After this their previously drawn secret partner for the four ball stableford is named and their card is combined accordingly.

Eric Little and Ted Cuffe with 42 points were the winners on a count-back from Rex Morris and George Martin.

The consistency trophy was won by Kay Holt, the keenest golfer of all, who had 11 points both days.

Prizes won during the weekend were presented during a cocktail party held on Sunday afternoon.

Again our thanks go to David Jones for looking after us so well, and we look forward to a return visit next year.

Other results were:

Saturday

Visitors' singles stableford won by Jock Night, 39 points.

Members' single stableford won by Walter Levy, 38 points.

Ladies' 16 holes stableford won by Mary Humphery, 33 points.

Sunday

Four-Ball mixed stableford won by Mary Humphery and Dave Gibson, 44 points on countback.

Men's singles stableford won by Tom Setright, 38 points.

Ladies' singles stableford won by Peggy Morris, 35 points.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

AMENITIES AVAILABLE DECEMBER- JANUARY FESTIVE SEASON

Monday, 25th December, Christmas Day : Closed.

Tuesday, 26th December, Boxing Day :

Fourth Floor LOUNGE BAR open 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

DINING ROOM - set menu - open 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ATHLETIC DEPT. POOL open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All other Departments closed.

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Fourth Floor LOUNGE BAR open 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

DINING ROOM - set menu - open 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ATHLETIC DEPT. POOL open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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J. R. Thomson,
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TATTERSALL'S CLUB

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30th DECEMBER, 1972

Commencing . . . 6.30 p.m.

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A booking fee of \$2 per head will be charged for cancellations after Thursday, 21st, December.

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1973

Main Events:

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The Committee has pleasure in announcing

A Christmas Cocktail Party


For Members and Ladies
in the
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on
WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1972
5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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Limited to member and one guest.





BILLIARDS and SNOOKER NOTES

By Arthur Miller

The match between John Peoples and Ben Gerakiteys in the snooker championship heat ended in victory for John in two straight frames. John, who gets little practice, has a fine record in all tournament games year after year. He seldom fails to reach the quarter finals. Like a good race horse he can give his opponent plenty of start and still finish brilliantly to get up for a win. He certainly has the right temperament for tournament play.

Perhaps Roy Bryden was a trifle unlucky in the snooker championship for, after winning the first frame rather easily 68-40, he lost the second 46-56 to his opponent Sid Lane. In the last and final frame, Roy looked all over the winner but at this point, by going in off important colours, he incurred penalties and was left the loser in this dramatic final by 42-49.

However, no credit should be detracted from Sid's good win. He is a great battler and a hard man to beat in tournament play of this kind. Congratulations Sid.

The final of the billiards championship was an exciting match between George Mousally and Jack Chown. Over 550 points were scored in 90 minutes and this is fair going for a match of this kind.

George streaked away early to a long lead making a couple of breaks around the thirties. Jack was extremely slow to find touch at first, but midway in the match he tightened his play to make up points with breaks around the 25 mark. Excellent scoring gave Jack some hope of making up the lengthy leeway, but George, not to be denied, made a splendid break of 45 which put paid to the match.

Popular George has been the reigning champion for several years and thoroughly deserves the plaudits of members for his consistently high standard of play over a long period.

Jack deserves a great measure of praise for his remarkable comeback in this year's tournament, for his regained form put him right back as a contender for the honours. Both Jack and George will find the handicapper taking great care in assessing their future handicaps.

And so ends our 1972 Billiards and Snooker tournaments. It is indeed heartening to see the increased enthusiasm among all our members in this section. One of the wishes of the Committee is to see a greater number participate in the tournaments, and amongst some of our newer members we anticipate that surely there will be a potential champion.

Although it is great that two old exponents of the games George Mousally and Jack Chown were winners in two of the events, it is also most pleasing to see two new winners Stephen Lowe and Sid Lane taking the honours in the billiards handicap and snooker championship respectively. For successful and interesting tournaments we need keen competition and the stimulation of new winners making their appearance.

FINAL RESULTS

Snooker Handicap

Winner Jack Chown, Runner-up Peter Dind.

Billiards Handicap

Winner Stephen Lowe, Runner-up Angus Foster.



BOWLING NOTES

By PETER McGRATH

E. Davis and F. Empson.

12th October, City: No trophy owing to poor attendance.

19th October, Rose Bay: W. Schumacher, J. Tofler and P. Goldman.

Tattersall's were well represented in the Double Bay masters pairs. Harold Hill and Nick Solomon each won two games, and Mick Simmonds, Ron Relton, Len Burke and Bill Munro all took part.

Good reports about Ron Storey who is up and about again. We hope he will soon be back with us both to bowl and take charge of our club events in his usual proficient manner.

Heard from Mark Barnett that the bookings are getting heavy for our dinner dance on 27th November. There are still vacancies but remember that it is for members and one friend only.

This championship got away to a good start at Double Bay on 5th October.

Although Ron Storey, who was in charge of the event, was absent through illness, a good job was done by Bill Chamberlain.

Seven games were played with the following results:—

Ted Davis defeated Joe Tofler 31-11; Mick Greenberg defeated Nick Solomon 31-27; John McKell defeated Stan Clements 31-19; Stan Chatterton defeated Horrie Abbott 31-18; George Cohen defeated Lou Malouf 31-24; Bill Hetherington defeated John Armstrong 31-23 and Phil Goldman defeated Ray Morson 31-23.

In the weekly trophy games, results are:

28th September, Bellevue Hill: R. Darch and S. Chatterton.

5th October, Double Bay: K. Williams,



SWIMMING NOTES



by Max Sernack

The new format for the Swimming Club's annual presentation and social was a tremendous success. The presentation of prizes won during the season took place in the Club Room where Chairman Geoff Eastment introduced the champions and congratulated them.

The introduction of dinner and dance in the Dining Room which followed was a popular move, and the capacity crowd dined and danced until the small hours.

Norm Rogers had a large party and they certainly responded to the French champagne treatment. Nearby Charles Coppa was noticed to be feeling his way in what may be termed as an extensive reconnaissance.

We were all delighted to see Babe Dexter with us once again. She enjoys a special place in our hearts and we do look forward to seeing her.

The opening of the swimming season on 10th October saw a record number

in attendance which was gratifying to the swimming committee and augurs well for a successful season.

We extend a special welcome to new members Bruce Higgs, Ken Flatman, Barry Gerrett, Philip Twigg, John McDermott, Ken Finn and Michael Frawley, who were time trialled and entered into the spirit of things.

We also welcomed past swimmer and father Jack Debney who has returned to encourage a father and son brace relay which is likely to be held as a future event. (Norm Rogers and sons barred of course!)

Good to see Eric Thompson on his return from Munich, along with Paul Blake, Arthur O'Connor, Gordon McGrath of whom we have not seen much lately.

Congratulations to John Dexter and Audrey Stead on their marriage and we all join in wishing them future happiness.

A special mention for Russell Debney who swam a fantastic 18.8 to

win his heat, and this was witnessed by his proud father. Russell in his start was hanging by a toe nail on the blocks. The same fate happened to Peter Wakefield, and they both lost a second.

RESULTS

Fastest Winning Times:

R. Debney 18.8, R. Farrell 19.2 and 19.4, M. Stening 20.8, R. Fisher 21.1, B. Cox 21.2, P. Wakefield 21.4 and 20.6, W. Orme 21.5, W. Butchart 21.6, N. Rogers 21.8, and P. King 20.0.

Honesty Awards: (lost seconds)

B. Gerrett 4, P. Moses 2, M. Stening, W. Butchart, J. Connery, M. Crivelli, A. McLelland, J. Vale, R. Debney, P. Wakefield, and P. King all lost one.

10th October, 40 yards Handicap.

1st final: W. Butchart (23)1, W. Orme (22)2, M. McLean (26)3, Time 22.1 secs.
2nd final: P. Wakefield (22)1, R. Farrell (20)2, J. Reid (24)3, Time 21.1 secs.
3rd final: P. Moses (25)1, A. McLelland (29)2, W. Rowe (27)3, Time 22.6 secs.
4th final: M. Stening (22)1, B. Cox (22)2, J. Langsworth (28)3, Time 20.5 secs.
5th final: B. Gerrett (34)1, J. Connery (34)2, M. Frawley (27)3, Time 32 secs.

17th October, 40 yards Handicap.

1st final: M. Crivelli (24)1, R. Farrell (20)2, W. Penfold (25)3, time 22.9 secs.
2nd final: A. McLelland (29)1, R. Debney (20)2, G. McGrath (26)3, Time 27.3 secs.
3rd final: B. Gerrett (32)1, B. Higgs (28)2, P. Wakefield (27)3, Time 30 secs.

October Point Score.

B. Gerrett 20, P. Wakefield 17, A. McLelland 17, R. Farrell 16, P. Moses 13, W. Butchart 13, W. Orme 12, J. Reid 11, J. Langsworth 11, B. Cox 11, W. Penfold 11 and R. Debney 11.

HANDBALL NOTES

by Arthur McCamley

In the A.Grade championship Bill Sellen defeated Charles Robinson 31-26 to qualify as a finalist in this event. Ken Glass defeated Bob Callaghan 31-26 thus qualifying as Bill's opponent. The final was the best two out of three sets, 21 points up.

The result was Bill Sellen defeated Ken Glass in straight sets 21-14 and 21-19.

It was a great match and very evenly contested. The score of 21-14 in the first set in favour of Bill is not an indication of the closeness of the game. It was a matter that at the vital moment Ken, playing in top form and just missing the side and back line after some exciting rallies, gave Bill the necessary break which enabled him to play a consistent game.

The second set was a beauty. Ken was determined to square the match and played beautifully. It looked like he would achieve what he set out to do. The scores fluctuated all the way, and

within sight of the winning post Ken was in front and looked likely to go on to victory. However it was not to be. Bill put everything he had into his game and gradually pegged Ken back in a photo finish to win 21-19.

Congratulations Bill for a fine victory, and commiserations to Ken who played so well and was a gallant and sporting loser.

In the Club Championship we are still awaiting the champs to play the final. Results so far in the semi-finals are Bill Harrison defeated Bill Hannan 31-26, Michael O'Dea defeated Bob Lipman 31-27, giving us Bill Harrison and Michael O'Dea to play off in the final.

This should prove to be a fine match as Bill Harrison has been a real giant killer in this event. He won his first match against the reigning champion Norm Rogers in good style, which has

inspired him and he is now at the peak of his form.

Michael is well known to us as a handball champion, and although he has had a setback in his fitness preparation he assures me that he has made complete recovery and will be fit on the championship day.

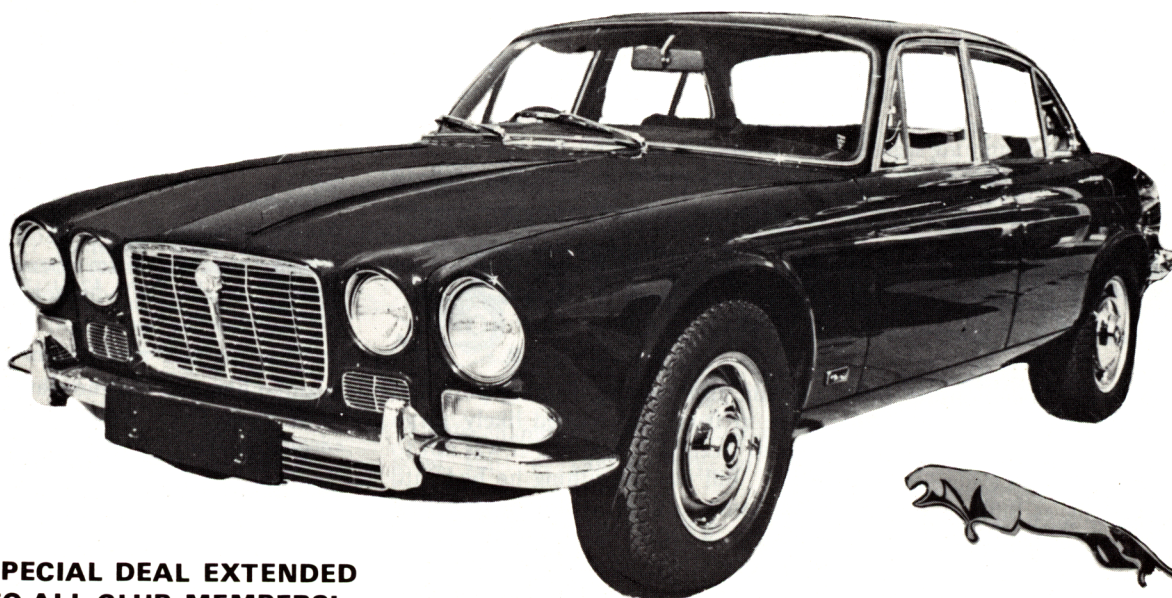
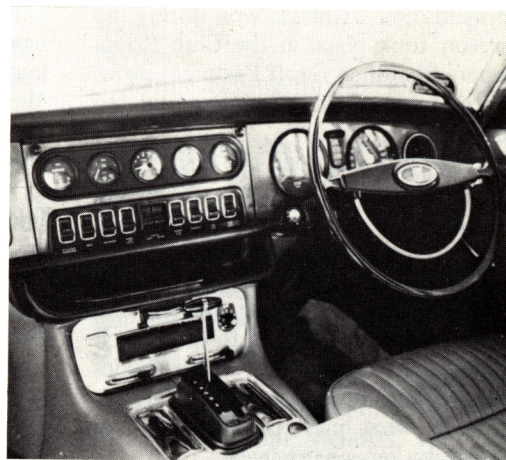
In the B Grade championship we are again waiting for the final to be played. The semi-final results were Don Stait defeated Bill Orme 31-23 and Rod Fisher defeated John Byrne 31-25. Finalists are Rod Fisher and Don Stait.

This should be a good match. I noticed Rod playing a friendly game with Sam Block and was most impressed with his form. I have not noticed Don doing any training here. He is a dark horse and probably galloping in somewhere else. Look out for a surprise packet, Rod. However they are both good sports, and may the better man win.



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TATTERSALL'S CLUB SKI CLUB

Perisher Valley, October, 1972

If your well laid plans for an October long weekend on the beach or harbour were ruined by Sydney's terrible weather at that time, then it must be said that your greatest error was not to book with the Ski Club for Perisher Valley at its springtime best. The weather was fabulous, the snow a little wet but most skiable, and the company, as always, at its Tattersall's best.

Brian and Eunice Worrall, long time patrons of Sundeck where we stayed, soon had everybody in the swing of the place. Entertainment was provided by courtesy of the irrepressible Bill Rowe and other members of the Ski Club Revue.

Barry Gerrett and Bill patrolled the slopes in excellent fashion - just as well as one of Don and Marie Maxwell's offspring had to be brought down for the old plaster-of-Paris treatment. Also sighted (at the height of about 25 feet) was Aarne Valkama, a former Finnish champion jumper. Terry Forrest tells some pretty hairy stories of skiing the mountain with Aarne.

Ski Club secretary, Robert Tobias, was discovered as a stowaway on the way down, and after Warragang won the Perisher Plate on the Sunday it is reported that Rob, flushed with success, narrowly missed winning the boat race at the Man. Always a good loser, Rob did his unsuccessful best not to take the result lying down.

Once again notable improvement in the quality of skiing was evident, perhaps due to a couple of mind-bending lessons with instructor Franz Pichler. During the first lesson Russell Debney continued his one-man war against insurance companies and managed to snap a ski while performing what is uncommonly known as the two-and-a half back somersault - with skis! That was a long walk home.

Others present at Perisher were the secretary's secretary Jan Banner (by invitation), Ken Finn, Doug Grainger and several attractive invitees who provided good old fashioned southern comfort to deserving Ski Club members.

The Perisher weekend was the last ski trip organised by the Ski Club for the 1972 season, mainly because the

snow tends to melt during the summer. There are however big plans for next season when it is hoped that we will have a tour to New Zealand along with similar trips to those organised for this year. But more of this in next month's issue.

The 1972 season really went out in suitable style with end of season wine tasting and dinner at the city cellars of one of Sydney's leading vigneron. Most of the regulars were there and despite the attempted grand larceny of the door prize - a basket of assorted wines - frustrated by Charles Coppas' eagle eyes, the night was a great success. If the treasurer's report is favourable, one can safely look forward to an ever increasing number of such events.

Meanwhile, all skiers are requested to pray for an early winter in 1973.

John Clawed Killer

SKI TOURING SECTION

Two Spartan - or should one say masochistic-members of our Ski Club, namely Berry Innes and yours truly, decided it was time someone should set the example for the lift-bashing, high living section of our club by forsaking the perilous pubs of Perisher and the fleshpots of Falls Creek.

On 7th October we set off for the wild white yonder on our first unofficial club ski tour. In the company of Rex Cox and my son Bruce we started at the top of the chair lift at Thredbo (yes, even tourers use the lifts sometimes) and set a course for Albina Lodge at the head of the Northcote Canyon.

We were pleased to find spring snow covering most of the Main Range - lovely granulated stuff that slips away from the skis with a swish. An easy to ski surface that flatters one's technique no end.

We dropped our rucksacks at Albina and spent the afternoon climbing Mt.

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Some of Tattersall's group outside the Sundeck, October long weekend at Perisher.

SKI CLUB NOTES

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Townsend and then Mt. Alice Rawson. Magnificent views in all directions with a dizzy drop to the green meadows of Geehi 6,000 ft. below us. Then back to the hut for a huge meal, washed down by a litre of a robust red that Bruce had been persuaded to carry for us.

On the track again at 6.30 next morning, we went up the side of frozen Mt. Northcote and along the spine ridge of the dividing range past Mt. Lee and Curruthers Peak. We were being buffeted by a howling south-westerly with gusts of probably 60 mph that actually blew us over several times.

We followed the narrow west ridge of Twynam to the top of Watson's Crag. This would be the one spot in our Australian alps that comes nearest in scenic beauty and steepness to the most spectacular European and New Zealand alps.

Back to Twynam and the 2,000 ft. descent to the footbridge over the Snowy River at Illawong Lodge, a mile above Guthega Dam. We were using violet Klisters as a climbing and running wax which proved most satisfactory for October temperatures and snow conditions.

Berry and Bruce were having their first tour on langlaufs, and had some fun and games mastering their turns on the steep bits. I cheated a little by using light touring skis. Their extra width and heavier Ramy bindings gave



View from Curruthers' Peak, looking towards Sentinel Peak and Watson's Crag.

me greater control and downpull when needed. This made turning easier but I paid the penalty after lunch when we ran out of snow when climbing Farm Creek at the back of Perisher - touring skis are much heavier than langlaufs to carry as one flounders over 3ft. high scrub! We then had a good run on firm snow down Perisher saddle to the valley and on to Perisher Hutte for the night.

Next morning we went along the road to the Chalet at Charlotte's Pass

followed by a steep climb to Mt. Stilwell and a good run along the Kangaroo and Ramshead Ranges back to the top of the chair lift at Thredbo, arriving back at our starting point, Roslyn Lodge, at 1 p.m.

The four lodges we visited, Roslyn, Albina, Illawong and Perisher, were all built by the Australian Alpine Club and the round trip, some 35 miles including several detours, is referred to by that club as the "grand tour."

Charles Coppa.

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